

REMARKS

In the present Amendment, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 14. Claims 15-20 have been amended to correct their dependency. Claims 2-14 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. New Claims 21-43 have been added.

New claim 21 corresponds to original claim 4, but depends from claim 19 or 20.

New claim 22 correspond to original claims 2 and 3, but depends from claim 21.

New claim 23 correspond to original claim 5, but depends from claim 22.

New claim 24 correspond to original claim 7, but depends from claim 22.

New claim 25 correspond to original claim 6, but depends from claim 22.

New claims 26, 27 and 28 correspond to original claim 8, but depend from claims 23, 24 and 25, respectively.

New claims 29, 30 and 31 correspond to original claim 10, but depend from claims 26, 27 and 28, respectively.

New claims 32 and 33 correspond to original claim 11, but depend from claims 26 and 27, respectively.

New claims 34 and 35 correspond to original claim 12, but depend from claims 26 and 27, respectively.

New claims 36-43 correspond to original claim 9, but depend from claims 28-35, respectively.

No new matter has been added, and entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the Amendment, claims 1 and 15-43 will be pending.

At page 2 of the Action, claims 5-20 are objected to as being in improper multiple dependent form.

As noted, the claims have been amended to be in proper dependent form.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

At page 2 of the Action, claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Okabe et al (JP 2003-107212).

Applicants submit that this rejection should be withdrawn because Okabe et al does not disclose or render obvious the electromagnetic-shielding light-diffusing sheet of the present invention.

As noted, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 14, which is not subject to this rejection. Thus, claim 1 as amended recites “an electromagnetic-shielding light-diffusing sheet, which comprises a light-diffusing sheet main body and, laminated on at least one side thereof, a light-transmitting electroconductive layer having a surface resistivity of $10^5 \Omega/\square$ or lower, wherein the light-transmitting electroconductive layer is a layer containing ultrafine electroconductive fibers.”

Okabe et al disclose an optical sheet 1 comprising a transparent base layer 2 and an optical layer 3 having an optical function and a transparent metal oxide film 4 having conductivity deposited on the sheet 1 (abstract). Okabe et al do not teach or suggest that the light-transmitting electroconductive layer contains ultrafine electroconductive fibers.

Accordingly, claim 1 as amended is not anticipated by Okabe et al.

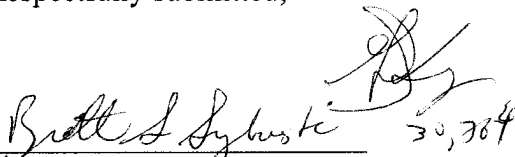
Applicants submit that claims 15-43 are patentable over Okabe et al for at least the same reasons that claim 1 is patentable over Okabe et al.

In view of the above, reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 102(b) rejection based on Okabe et al JP ‘212 are respectfully requested.

Allowance is respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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